



**MCAG Governing Board
Transit Joint Powers Authority Board
Regional Waste Management Authority Board
MINUTES**

DATE

Thursday, August 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA was called to order by Chair Alex McCabe at 3:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Director Alex McCabe, Chair
Director Daron McDaniel, Vice Chair
Director Rodrigo Espinoza
Director Lee Lor
Director Mike Murphy
Director Jerry O'Banion
Director Joe Oliveira
Director Lloyd Pareira
Director Jim Price

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director April Hogue
Director Mike Villalta

MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Stacie Dabbs, Interim Executive Director
Matt Fell, Transportation Planning Manager
Eva Garibay, Public Program Specialist II
Emily Haden, Legal Counsel
Dariana Lua, Assistant Transit Manager
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing/Contracts Manager
Kristina Meraz, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Artis Smith, Transit Director
Brooks Stayer, Regional Waste Authority Director
Malee Unruh, Grant Analyst I
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Samuel Arellano, Planada Resident
Jose Castillo, Delhi Resident
Patti Dossetti, League of Women Voters
Tom Dumas, Caltrans, District 10
Paul García, Delhi Resident
Diana Gunn, San Joaquín Drug
Jack Jackson, Citizens Advisory Committee Representative
Blanca Lozano, Delhi Resident
Josie Ochoa, Planada Resident
Abigail Ramirez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Invocation

Director Pareira led the invocation.

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

Director McDaniel moved to approve the August 16, 2018, MCAG Governing Board agenda.
Seconded by Director Lor.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price
Noes - None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Public Comment

Paul García, Delhi Resident congratulated Chair Alex McCabe on his chairmanship and for running for Mayor. Mr. Garcia stated that he has concerns regarding the Shanks Overpass due to deterioration and that he has talked to a Board of Supervisor regarding his concern. Mr. Garcia hopes that his concerns will be addressed because his truck is out of alignment due to pot holes and his bike rim is bent due to pot holes.

Josie Ochoa, Planada Resident stated her concern for the schedules being too small for a person who is visually impaired to read and asked if this concern can be addressed by making signs larger. Ms. Ochoa stated that she works for National Express and has concerns at some of the bus stops as they do not currently offer the direction the bus will be headed at the specific bus stop. Ms. Ochoa stated that residents could utilize the bus service better if they had that information. Ms. Ochoa also has a concern regarding the Beachwood bus stop and her concern is that riders are standing in a puddle of water in the winter while waiting for a bus. Ms. Ochoa asked for the amount that National Express has been charged in fines and penalties and she would like to know what the MCAG Governing Board uses this money for.

Jose Castillo, Delhi Resident wanted to give recognition to Director Pareira and the Board of Supervisors along with Merced County Public Works Department for their work on the resurfacing of Shanks Road in Delhi. Mr. Castillo stated he has a petition with approximately 80 signatures to address the desire to have dedicated/protected bike lanes for students and citizens on Schendel Road and Shanks Road. Mr. Castillo stated that this issue was presented to the Delhi MAC. Mr. Castillo wanted to see if Shanks Road and the lack of sidewalks could be an ATP Project as the children have to walk on the road traveling to school.

Abigail Ramirez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability stated that she is representing Delhi residents in asking for protected bike lanes in Delhi on Shanks Road and Schendel Road and for MCAG to locate possible funding sources for this project. Ms. Ramirez is also representing Planada residents in asking for the Plainsburg 140 Roundabout and would like MCAG to locate and secure funding for this project.

Blanca Lozano, Delhi Resident stated her concerns for road repairs and for safety for the children who use the streets in Delhi.

Carolina Soares, Planada Resident stated that she hopes that we are able to do something about the Plainsburg Roundabout and that the streets need better lighting and that tourist us the streets in Planada too.

Diana Gunn, San Joaquín Drug Owner stated that she has seen first hand how many people have been injured trying to cross highway 140 in Planada and is in support of the Plainsburg 140 Roundabout.

Samuel Arellano, Planada Resident stated his concerns regarding families having to cross Highway 140 in an unsafe manner because there is not a safe place to cross. Mr. Arellano stresses the immediate need for the Plainsburg 140 Roundabout especially as winter approaches and the fog rolls in. Mr. Arellano stated that he hears concerns daily from residents about the safety of crossing the road to get food, groceries and to take their children to school. Mr. Arellano stated that this concern has been talked about for several years and he hopes that this issue can be addressed soon for the safety of the residents and tourist who use it on their way to Yosemite.

6. Minutes

- a. Regional Waste Management Authority Board meeting for July 19, 2018
 - b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board meeting for July 19, 2018
 - c. Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting for July 19, 2018
- Director O'Banion moved to approve the minutes of the Regional Waste Management Authority, the Transit Joint Powers Authority, and the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board meeting.

Seconded by Director Espinoza.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price
Noes - None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Jack Jackson gave the Citizens Advisory Committee report.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

8. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Monthly Update

Brooks Stayer gave the Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority update and reported on the following topics:

- Semi-Annual Professional Services/Engineering Contracts
- Phase 6a Landfill Gas Collection System Expansion
- Regert Wells
- Blower Repair/Install Estimate
- Drone Aerials by Jarrad Tramp
- Phase 2B Construction Progress at Billy Wright Landfill

9. Master Consultant Agreements Expenditure Summary

Brook Stayer gave an update on the Master Consultant Agreements Expenditure Summary.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

10. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Monthly Update

Artis Smith gave the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update stating that ridership is up with the Measure V funding that offers free rides for seniors, veterans and ADA eligible riders. Mr. Smith presented and discussed the following:

- Work on new transit facility progressing
- Measure V rides have increased
- Free water distribution on days that are issued a heat warning
- Radio Station – Live feed event at the Transpo went well
- New Radio installation and training
- Ridership Quality Assurance Oversight
- YARTS update – Yosemite National Park is open again and YARTS is providing reduced fares to and from Yosemite Merced County residents with the ticket price for adults being \$5.00 and the ticket price for children being \$2.50.

Paul Garcia stated that he is very impressed with Transit management and staff and with how the service works. Paul also stated that he would like to see change machines at bus stops and solar powered lighting.

11. State of Good Repair Project for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Malee Unruh gave an update on the State of Good Repair Project for Fiscal Year 2018-19 stating that staff has identified a capital project to purchase three cut away buses.

Director Espinoza moved to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2018/08-16-01 authorizing the filing of the FY 2018-19 SGR project; and
- b. Authorize the Transit Joint Powers Authority Interim Executive Director to sign and execute the related documents as stated above.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price
Noes - None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Authorize Contract for Construction Management Services for Bus Stop Pull-Outs

Artis Smith gave an update on the Amendment No. 2 to the construction management services contract requesting Board approval to exercise Amendment No. 2 with Bardini Consulting, LLC, for construction management services.

Director Price moved to authorize the Interim Executive Director to exercise Amendment No. 2 to the construction management services contract in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.

Seconded by Director Oliveira.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price
Noes - None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Authorize Contract to Construct Bus Pull Outs

Dariana Lua gave an update on the request for authorization to construct bus pull outs.

Director Murphy asked what an informal bid is. Alicia Ochoa-Jones stated that the verbiage “informal bid” was used incorrectly, the correct verbiage is Invitation for Bid (IFB).

Director McDaniel asked about the bus pull out up the street from Walmart and why this pull out has not been utilized. Dariana stated that the distance to that bus pull out is too far a distance to service riders with groceries and the new pull out will be in front of Walmart and close to the bus pull out on the opposite side of the street.

Director Murphy asked about the trash that is accumulating at the Walmart stop and if there will be a trash receptacle at the new bus pull out. Dariana stated yes, that there will be a receptacle.

Director Murphy moved to authorize the Interim Executive Director to enter into contract for the construction of two bus stops in the City of Merced in an amount not to exceed \$264,000. Seconded by Director Espinoza.

**Ayes - Directors Espinoza, Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price
Noes - None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Authorize Contract for Geotechnical Services for Maintenance Facility

Artis Smith gave an update on the contract for Geotechnical Services for the maintenance facility stating that the original scope of work did not include the additional services that are needed through the final construction of the facility. Staff is pursuing a contract that provides technical observation and testing during completion of the new transit facility.

Director O’Banion moved to Authorize the Interim Executive Director to enter into a contract for Geotechnical Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

**Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O’Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price
Noes - None**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

15. Caltrans Report

Tom Dumas gave the Caltrans report and gave an update on the following:

- a. Yosemite – Highway 140 is now open
- b. One-way traffic control on Highway 33 from 152 to Veracruz
- c. Sustainable Grants Program draft is now available
- d. Bike and Pedestrian Paths – Merced has one of the best systems in the State of California
- e. Ramp Closures intermittently on Highway 99

16. Information/Discussion Only

- a. MCAG Newsletter – August 2018
- b. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events
- c. State Clearinghouse Request for Intergovernmental Review
- d. Measure V Expenditure Plan Amendment
- e. Financial and Compliance Audit Services for Measure V
- f. Technical Review Board meeting minutes from August 8, 2018
- g. YARTS – Low Carbon Transit Operations Program – Discounted Tickets Flyer

Stacie Dabbs asked about 13th Street and V street no right turn signs and Tom Dumas replied that Hilda Sousa will be the staff person for Merced County and she will address this concern.

17. Transportation Planning Update

Matt Fell gave a brief report on:

- ATP Projects – will be awarded in January
- Pavement Management System is progressing
- RTIF – jurisdictions have rescinded, now the board will need to take action
- CMAQ – Call for projects to include in FTIP

18. 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 14: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339

Matt Fell gave an update on the 2017 FTIP Amendment No. 14: Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 stating that adding additional funding to remodel the transit building that was approved at the last MCAG Governing Board meeting requires an amendment to be made to the 2017 FTIP.

Director McDaniel moved to adopt the 2017 FTIP Formal Amendment No. 14.

Seconded by Director Lor.

Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis

Matt Fell gave a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan, Environmental Impact Report, Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and the Corresponding Conformity Analysis and stated that this item requires two separate actions. Matt acknowledged the consultants that have worked on the Regional Transportation Plan and thanked the teams led by Kimley Horn and VRPA along with Jim Damkowitch and Georgina Vivian. Matt also thanked the RTP Advisory committee for all the hard work they put into the RTP.

Director Lor thanked staff for their efforts on the RTP and stated that as a committee member, there is a lot that goes into planning of the RTP.

Abigail Ramirez discussed her concerns regarding the Regional Transportation Plan and thanked MCAG staff for their work on the RTP.

Director McDaniel moved to adopt Resolution 2018/08-16-03 to certify the Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2018 RTP.

Seconded by Director Lor.

Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director O'Banion moved to adopt Resolution 2018/08-16-04 to approve the 2018 RTP, the 2019 FTIP, and the Corresponding Conformity Analysis.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Draft Measure V 2018 Implementation Plan

Stacie Dabbs gave an update on the Draft Measure V 2018 Implementation Plan stating that she is excited to release the draft plan for public review and that this draft has been developed by the Eastside and Westside Regional Projects Committee.

Director O'Banion moved to release the Draft Measure V 2018 Implementation Plan for public review and adopt the schedule for the information sessions and public hearings.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. Master Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement

Stacie Dabbs gave an update on the Master Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement stating that September 21, 2018, if the funding agreements have been approved, the regional funding will be available per the allocations the board approved earlier this year.

Director O'Banion moved to direct staff to distribute the Master Measure V Regional Project Funding Agreement to member agencies for individual action.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. 2019 One Voice Program Development

Eva Garibay gave an update on the 2019 One Voice Program stating the 2019 One Voice trip to Washington, D.C. is scheduled for April 30 – May 3, 2019. Eva gave a brief update on the program goals and stated that individuals who are interested in participating in the 2019 trip to Washington, D.C. are asked to confirm their participation by January 10, 2019.

23. Appointment to CalVans Vanpool Authority Board of Directors

Director McCabe moved to appoint Director Villalta as the representative to serve on the CalVans Board of Directors.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes - Directors Lor, McCabe, McDaniel, Murphy, O'Banion, Oliveira, Pareira, Price

Noes - None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER REPORTS

24. Interim Executive Director's Report

Stacie Dabbs stated that she and Directors McDaniel and Villalta will attend the Valley Voice Trip on September 12-13, 2018 and they will report back at the next board meeting.

25. Directors' Report

Director McDaniel reminded everyone of the water rally in Sacramento that will take place at the Capital steps at noon. He stated that there are many ways to travel now such as the bus or the train.

Chair McCabe invited everyone to attend the first every Punjabi Night in Livingston at the Sweet Potato Festival on September 21, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Director Price stated that the Atwater Super Target had an arson fire and that there has been extensive amounts of clean up required. Director Price thanked the fire fighters and all of those involved in the clean-up.

Director Oliveira invited everyone to attend the Portuguese Celebration on September 8, 2018 at Henry Miller Park.

26. CLOSED SESSION - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Cal. Gov. Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Closed Session reporting is the appointment of Stacie Dabbs as the Executive Director of Merced County Association of Governments.

There being no further business of the MCAG Governing Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

_____/s/
Joy Young
Administrative Assistant II